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Employment in Connecticut declined in January, primarily because of seasonal cutbacks in construction and wholesale and retail trade, and unemployment increased from December, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Both indicators, however, showed considerable improvement from January 1983.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment in nonfarm categories dropped by 2.6 percent from a revised December estimate of 1,484,600 to 1,446,700 in January which was 3.1 percent higher than the January 1983 employment level of 1,403,700 (page 2). Seasonal reductions in construction (11.9 percent) and post-holiday cutbacks in trade (5.7 percent) and hotels (5.3 percent) accounted for most of the monthly decline. Employment levels in non-manufacturing areas were all higher than a year earlier. Each of the labor market areas had lower monthly employment (pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by three cents from December to a record high of $9.07, up 53-cents from $8.54 paid in January last year (page 3). A seasonal reduction in the workweek from 42.5 hours in December to 42.2 in January accounted for a $1.45 drop in average weekly earnings to $382.75. Highest weekly wages were earned in the Norwalk, Ansonia, New London/Norwich, Bristol, Hartford and Middletown areas (page 6). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, statewide hourly and weekly wages increased to $8.66 and $346.40, respectively, 4.7 percent above the $8.27 hourly and $330.80 weekly last year.

Unemployment: Seasonal closings and post-holiday layoffs contributed to a 4,300 increase in unemployment to 84,200 in January for a 5.3 percent actual rate which compared with December's revised figure of 79,900 or 4.9 percent (page 4). However, the January seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.6 percent from 5.1 percent in December and remained well below the national estimate of 8 percent. Unemployment was up in 13 areas, lower in Stamford and Willimantic and unchanged in Hartford. The unemployment rate includes people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who are not entitled to wages during temporary closings. There were an estimated 38,000 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits in mid-January.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators (page 7) were mixed in January with manufacturing output and average workweek hours unchanged, lower first-time claims filings and the unemployment rate. Personal income of state residents once again increased to a new all-time high.

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NOTE: Annual revisions are based on updated data developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In addition, manufacturing and non-manufacturing employment categories have been redesignated durable and nondurable to comply with BLS reporting requirements.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	January 1984			% Change Jan. '84 over	% Change Jan. '84 over
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983(R)	Jan. 1983(R)	Dec. '83	Jan. '83
Total Nonag. Employment	1,446,700*	1,484,600*	1,403,700*	- 2.6	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	410,300*	410,700*	402,600*	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Durable	306,500*	306,100*	303,300*	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Lumber & Furniture	6,500	6,600	5,900	- 1.5	+ 10.2
Primary Metals	17,000	16,900	16,300	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Fabricated Metals	56,900	56,700	55,000	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Machinery exc. Elec.	47,700*	47,600	47,700*	+ 0.2	0.0
Electrical Equipment	53,300	53,200	49,200	+ 0.2	+ 8.3
Transportation Equip.	82,100*	81,700*	86,500	+ 0.5	- 5.1
Instruments & Clocks	28,100	28,200	27,300	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Other Durable	14,900	15,200	15,400	- 2.0	- 3.2
Nondurable	103,800	104,600	99,300	- 0.8	+ 4.5
Food	14,100	14,200	13,000	- 0.7	+ 8.5
Textiles	7,000	7,100	6,700	- 1.4	+ 4.5
Apparel	9,900	10,200	9,200	- 2.9	+ 7.6
Paper	10,200	10,300	10,300	- 1.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing	25,600	25,900	24,600	- 1.2	+ 4.1
Chemicals	22,300	22,400	21,900	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics	12,900	12,800	12,100	+ 0.8	+ 6.6
Other Nondurable	1,800	1,700	1,500	+ 5.9	+ 20.0
Nonmanufacturing	1,036,400	1,073,900	1,001,100	- 3.5	+ 3.5
Construction & Mining	50,200	57,000	47,200	- 11.9	+ 6.4
Transportation	30,600	32,100	30,100	- 4.7	+ 1.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	11,900	12,900	11,600	- 7.8	+ 2.6
Other Transportation	18,700	19,200	18,500	- 2.6	+ 1.1
Communications	19,100	18,900	18,800	+ 1.1	+ 1.6
Utilities	12,500	12,500	12,200	0.0	+ 2.5
Trade	308,400	327,200	298,400	- 5.7	+ 3.4
Wholesale	72,200	75,400	71,300	- 4.2	+ 1.3
Retail	236,200	251,800	227,100	- 6.2	+ 4.0
General Merchandise	34,300	38,600	32,600	- 11.1	+ 5.2
Food Stores	42,500	44,100	39,800	- 3.6	+ 6.8
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta.	25,700	26,000	24,700	- 1.2	+ 4.0
Restaurants	67,600	71,900	65,200	- 6.0	+ 3.7
Other Retail Trade	66,100	71,200	64,800	- 7.2	+ 2.0
Finance, Ins. & R.E.	119,700	120,100	114,600	- 0.3	+ 4.4
Banking	27,500	27,400	27,200	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
Insurance	68,300	68,600	65,300	- 0.4	+ 4.6
Real Estate	10,000	10,200	9,200	- 2.0	+ 8.7
Other Fin.,Ins.& R.E.	13,900	13,900	12,900	0.0	+ 7.8
Services	314,300	320,100	299,800	- 1.8	+ 4.8
Hotels	7,100	7,500	6,300	- 5.3	+ 12.7
Personal Services	15,500	15,400	15,000	+ 0.6	+ 3.3
Business Services	64,400	65,700	59,800	- 2.0	+ 7.7
Health Services	107,200	107,500	103,400	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Law & Professional	22,600	22,600	21,400	0.0	+ 5.6
Educational Services	31,200	32,400	29,800	- 3.7	+ 4.7
Other Services	66,300	69,000	64,100	- 3.9	+ 3.4
Government	181,600	186,000	180,000	- 2.4	+ 0.9
Federal	21,600	22,100	21,400	- 2.3	+ 0.9
State & Local	160,000	163,900	158,600	- 2.4	+ 0.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - J A N U A R Y 1 9 8 4

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$382.75	$384.20	$347.58	42.2	42.5	40.7	$9.07	$9.04	$8.54
Durable Manufacturing.....	394.90	396.83	357.11	42.6	42.9	41.0	9.27	9.25	8.71
Lumber & Furniture.....	274.32	288.23	250.49	40.7	42.2	39.2	6.74	6.83	6.39
Primary Metals.....	443.89	441.23	375.99	44.3	44.3	41.5	10.02	9.96	9.06
Fabricated Metals.....	355.73	356.17	317.19	41.9	42.3	40.1	8.49	8.42	7.91
Machinery.....	433.79	426.97	376.06	44.4	44.2	41.6	9.77	9.66	9.04
Electrical Equipment.....	323.05	322.28	292.09	41.9	41.8	40.4	7.71	7.71	7.23
Transportation Equipment...	470.25	486.78	438.19	41.8	42.7	41.3	11.25	11.40	10.61
Instruments & Clocks.....	380.19	383.21	346.18	43.6	44.2	43.6	8.72	8.67	7.94
Other Durable Mfg.....	370.92	356.50	322.64	44.0	42.9	41.1	8.43	8.31	7.85
Nondurable Manufacturing....	344.35	345.27	318.39	40.8	41.3	39.7	8.44	8.36	8.02
Food.....	354.46	346.93	312.84	41.8	41.4	39.7	8.48	8.38	7.88
Textiles.....	281.36	289.26	247.50	40.6	41.8	37.5	6.93	6.92	6.60
Apparel.....	210.03	213.18	194.39	36.4	37.4	36.2	5.77	5.70	5.37
Paper.....	432.29	444.13	388.86	45.6	46.8	44.8	9.48	9.49	8.68
Printing & Publishing.....	331.14	334.90	323.02	37.6	38.1	37.3	8.86	8.79	8.66
Chemicals.....	440.41	438.01	410.98	42.8	42.9	42.5	10.29	10.21	9.67
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	315.84	316.40	293.66	42.0	42.3	39.9	7.52	7.48	7.36
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	262.36	251.85	244.12	36.9	36.5	35.9	7.11	6.90	6.80
Construction.....	579.27	595.16	545.52	37.3	38.2	37.7	15.53	15.58	14.47

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Jan. 1984 Number	Jan. 1984 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. 1983 Number	Dec. 1983 (R) Ratio to Labor Force	Jan. 1983 Number	Jan. 1983 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual.....	84,200	5.3	79,900	4.9	128,600	8.1
Seasonally Adjusted....		(4.6)		(5.1)		(7.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,400	8.5	1,100	6.6	2,800	15.8
Bridgeport.....	11,300	6.0	9,800	5.1	18,000	9.4
Bristol.....	2,200	6.4	2,200	6.2	4,600	13.6
Danbury.....	4,000	4.0	3,900	3.8	7,000	7.2
Danielson.....	2,200	7.6	1,900	6.3	3,800	13.1
Hartford.....	18,600	4.8	18,800	4.8	27,300	7.1
Meriden.....	2,200	8.3	2,000	7.0	2,900	10.6
Middletown.....	3,300	5.8	3,100	5.2	4,000	6.9
New Britain.....	4,700	6.8	3,900	5.5	6,700	9.4
New Haven.....	11,400	5.7	10,700	5.3	16,300	8.3
New London/Norwich.....	4,900	4.3	4,900	4.2	6,400	5.9
Norwalk.....	3,200	4.1	2,800	3.5	4,400	5.8
Stamford.....	4,300	3.5	4,500	3.6	6,100	5.0
Torrington.....	3,200	8.2	3,200	7.8	5,500	13.5
Waterbury.....	6,400	6.2	6,100	5.7	11,600	11.0
Willimantic.....	900	3.6	1,000	3.8	1,200	5.1
U.S. Total-Actual.....	9,755,000	8.8	8,992,000	8.0	12,517,000	11.4
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(8.0)		(8.2)		(10.4)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Jan. '84	Dec. '83	Jan. '83
All Items.....	305.2	303.5	293.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	+0.6	+4.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Jan.'84	Dec.'83 (R)	Jan.'83 (R)	Percent Change to January 1984 from: Dec.'83	Jan.'83
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,320	8,540	8,520	- 2.6	- 2.3
Manufacturing	2,930	2,960	3,130	- 1.0	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	5,390	5,580	5,390	- 3.4	0.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	165,430	171,820*	163,570	- 3.7	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	59,230	59,000*	58,540	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	106,200	112,820	105,030	- 5.9	+ 1.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,770	23,130	21,060	- 1.6	+ 8.1
Manufacturing	9,010	8,970	7,580	+ 0.4	+ 18.9
Nonmanufacturing	13,760	14,160	13,480	- 2.8	+ 2.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	73,020	74,960	68,970	- 2.6	+ 5.9
Manufacturing	27,320	27,340	25,600	- 0.1	+ 6.7
Nonmanufacturing	45,700	47,620	43,370	- 4.0	+ 5.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,780	21,810	19,860	- 4.7	+ 4.6
Manufacturing	10,080	10,110	9,050	- 0.3	+ 11.4
Nonmanufacturing	10,700	11,700	10,810	- 8.5	- 1.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	403,500	410,720	396,470	- 1.8	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	87,770	87,460	88,370	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	315,730	323,260	308,100	- 2.3	+ 2.5
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,250	23,250	21,820	- 4.3	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	5,240	5,380	5,380	- 2.6	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	17,010	17,870	16,440	- 4.8	+ 3.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	43,770	47,080	45,520	- 7.0	- 3.8
Manufacturing	14,560	14,600	15,410	- 0.3	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	29,210	32,480	30,110	- 10.1	- 3.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,660	60,590	59,030	- 3.2	- 0.6
Manufacturing	24,300	24,320	23,840	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	34,360	36,270	35,190	- 5.3	- 2.4
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	192,670	195,950	185,560	- 1.7	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	39,070	39,240	38,620	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	153,600	156,710	146,940	- 2.0	+ 4.5
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	101,080	103,920	97,690	- 2.7	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	34,880	34,800	35,530	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	66,200	69,120	62,160	- 4.2	+ 6.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,840	67,700	63,800	- 2.7	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	22,080	22,150	21,540	- 0.3	+ 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	43,760	45,550	42,260	- 3.9	+ 3.5

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Jan.'84	Dec.'83 (R)	Jan.'83 (R)	Percent Change to January 1984 from: Dec.'83	Jan.'83
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	112,210	114,270	110,460	- 1.8	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	30,780	30,870	31,160	- 0.3	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	81,430	83,400	79,300	- 2.4	+ 2.7
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	27,640	28,820	27,610	- 4.1	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	8,720	8,840	8,820	- 1.4	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	18,920	19,980	18,790	- 5.3	+ 0.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	85,820	88,010*	82,860	- 2.5	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	29,510	29,310*	28,030	+ 0.7	+ 5.3
Nonmanufacturing	56,310	58,700	54,830	- 4.1	+ 2.7
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,700	22,710	18,540	- 13.3	+ 6.3
Manufacturing	2,360	2,380	2,550	- 0.8	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	17,340	20,330	15,990	- 14.7	+ 8.4

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Ansonia	$420.64	$452.09	$391.53	43.5	46.8	42.1	$9.67	$9.66	$9.30
Bridgeport	393.54	405.83	363.45	41.6	42.9	40.7	9.46	9.46	8.93
Bristol	407.95	404.62	361.20	41.5	41.8	40.0	9.83	9.68	9.03
Danbury	368.08	370.20	333.52	43.0	43.4	41.9	8.56	8.53	7.96
Danielson	320.39	349.45	292.99	39.8	41.8	38.5	8.05	8.36	7.61
Hartford	405.88	415.04	375.77	41.8	42.7	40.8	9.71	9.72	9.21
Meriden	290.16	306.83	307.89	39.0	39.9	40.3	7.44	7.69	7.64
Middletown	379.66	410.86	356.18	41.0	42.4	39.4	9.26	9.69	9.04
New Britain	373.22	386.98	362.44	40.7	41.7	41.0	9.17	9.28	8.84
New Haven	356.60	370.72	323.98	39.8	41.1	38.8	8.96	9.02	8.35
New London/ Norwich	408.77	415.65	381.06	41.0	41.9	41.6	9.97	9.92	9.16
Norwalk	425.35	429.78	369.60	47.0	47.7	44.0	9.05	9.01	8.40
Stamford	358.35	360.80	331.06	40.4	41.0	39.6	8.87	8.80	8.36
Torrington	283.85	283.85	238.82	40.9	40.9	37.2	6.94	6.94	6.42
Waterbury	329.99	333.25	296.30	42.8	43.0	40.7	7.71	7.75	7.28
Willimantic	323.90	321.08	279.86	39.5	39.3	41.4	8.20	8.17	6.76

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1983						
Jan....	1403.7	1422.5	10813	7869	8.1	7.2
Feb....	1399.0	1420.8	5308	6472	7.6	6.9
Mar....	1412.2	1426.6	4562	6256	7.2	6.8
Apr....	1432.2	1433.8	5046	5948	6.6	6.6
May....	1444.6	1436.6	4277	5591	5.9	6.2
Jun....	1459.4	1443.1	5352	5330	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1442.6	1449.6	7784	5288	6.0	5.8
Aug....	1429.1	1447.1	4553	4678	5.4	5.4
Sep....	1459.6	1450.8	3477	4888	5.0	5.5
Oct....	1465.9	1454.1	3620	4582	4.9	5.4
Nov....	1475.8	1460.1	3815	4295	4.8	5.2
Dec....	1484.6	1464.4	9006	5570	4.9	5.1
1984						
Jan....	1446.7	1465.8	6311	4593	5.3	4.6
Feb....						
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	11638	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	11104	39.4	39.5	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6467	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	9725	41.1	41.3	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9961	41.1	41.2	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11462	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	8501	41.3	41.6	95.5	107.8
Aug....	3922.3	11897	10120	41.5	41.8	98.4	111.9
Sep....	3969.6	12105	12872	41.8	42.0	116.0	114.4
Oct....	4013.4	10202	10037	42.0	42.1	117.4	115.1
Nov....	4046.5	13470	11068	42.3	42.0	120.7	116.4
Dec....	4071.6	9394	9374	42.5	41.9	110.5	116.6
1984							
Jan....	4116.3	8799	9659	42.2	41.9	121.5	116.9
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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Unemployment Benefit Financing Data

This issue of the monthly Labor Situation begins carrying data on the unemployment compensation financing system in Connecticut. Monies collected for the program have been inadequate to cover the effects of recessions and inflation during the past decade resulting in state trust fund indebtedness, as well as a reduction in the tax credit normally allowed employers against their federal unemployment taxes. In addition, it has necessitated a special state assessment for employers to cover interest payments each September 30 on federal loans taken after March 31, 1982. Previous federal loans were interest-free.

Several data series will now begin appearing monthly: the average weekly number of insured unemployed, the dollar amount paid to claimants, contributions received from employers, loans, repayments and the balance in the state's unemployment trust fund.

Average weekly insured unemployment excludes former federal employees and recently separated veterans whose benefit payments are financed by the federal government, but it does include people filing "reimbursable claims." The latter, are employees separated from state and local government and non-profit organizations. Charges for these benefits, which represent about three percent of the claims activity, are billed to and paid directly by those employers, dollar-for-dollar. Excluded is the current Federal Supplemental Compensation which is entirely financed by federal funds. Thus, this data covers claims for the regular 26-week period of eligibility for benefits.

Data on unemployment payments includes the amount of benefits charged to the state's trust fund and excludes the previously mentioned "reimbursable claims" and federally financed benefits paid to federal employees, veterans and Federal Supplemental Compensation.

Figures on employer contributions represent cash payments received during the year and are not equal to collections due for that tax year. Employer liability for contributions is incurred for each calendar quarter during which wages are paid. These contributions are due on the last day of the month following each quarter. For that reason, revenue for a tax year is more accurately estimated by total receipts from April through March the following year.

Other data shows the year and amount of loans advanced from the federal trust, loan repayments, employer federal tax credits, total loans outstanding and the current balance in the state's Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. Since some of these figures are based on U.S. Department of Labor data, there will be a two to three month delay before they appear in the table.

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,732
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
Jan '83	65,979	$30,736	$ 5,863
Feb	57,275	25,707	11,859
Mar	53,644	30,066	575
Apr	47,737	20,864	24,085
May	40,189	19,735	75,980
Jun	36,313	19,074	725
Jul	38,690	16,321	13,696
Aug	35,187	16,640	38,773
Sep	30,131	14,806	746
Oct	26,602	12,289	8,670
Nov	26,010	13,048	19,982
Dec	27,102	12,970	624
Jan '84	38,570	$19,100e	$ 7,279p
Feb			
Mar			
Apr			
May			
Jun			
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Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

Federal Loans (000)

1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)

1976	$26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)

1975	$12,902
1981	49,951
1982	50,486
1983	53,991

Total Outstanding Loans - (12/31/83)

Non-interest bearing: $216,469,229
Interest bearing: $63,806,407

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (12/31/83)
$53,509,986

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Improvements in Connecticut's economy were recorded during February when employment was up, unemployment decreased and factory wages and personal income set new record highs, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment increased to 1,447,400 (page 2), a monthly gain of 700 and 48,400 more jobs than February last year. Manufacturing employment was 800 higher than January and 10,500 above the same month in 1983, and there was a 100 drop in the nonmanufacturing sector. The largest manufacturing increases were in electrical equipment and fabricated metals. Seasonal influences were evident in construction, trade and services where employment declined over the month. Compared with February 1983, however, construction was up by 3,700 jobs; trade, 11,800; business and health services, each 4,200 higher, and there was a 3,400 increase in insurance employment.

Earnings of factory production workers set new record highs of $387.60 weekly and $9.12 per hour for a slightly longer workweek of 42.5 hours (page 3). This February's weekly wage was 15.6 percent above last year and hourly earnings were up by 4.6 percent. There was little monthly change in February straight time earnings of $8.68 hourly and $347.20 weekly which were 4.3 percent higher than in 1983. The highest weekly wages were paid to workers in the New London/Norwich labor market area, $433.41, followed by Bristol, $431; Ansonia, $423.20; Norwalk, $416.26; Hartford, $410.18 and Bridgeport, $404.70 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 82,100 or 5.2 percent, down 2,100 from January when the rate was 5.3 percent (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate of 4.6 percent was unchanged and the lowest since March 1970. Both the actual and seasonally adjusted rates continued below the national figures of 8.4 and 7.8 percent, respectively. Unemployment was down in 10 labor market areas, and increased in six and substantially under 1983's experience when five labor markets had double digit rates. There were an estimated 37,600 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits in mid-February. For 1983, only four states had lower jobless rates than Connecticut's annual average of 6 percent. They were Nebraska (5.7 percent), North Dakota (5.6 percent) and New Hampshire and South Dakota (each with 5.4 percent).

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy (page 7), there was a significant increase in new automobile registrations, manufacturing output advanced and new filings for unemployment benefits dropped. Personal income of state residents rose in February to a new monthly high of more than $4-billion, 148-million.

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

February 1984

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983(R)	% Change Feb. '84 over Jan. '84	% Change Feb. '84 over Feb. '83
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,447,400*	1,446,700*	1,399,000*	0.0**	+ 3.5
Manufacturing.....	411,100*	410,300*	400,600*	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Durable.....	307,400*	306,500*	301,000*	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,600	6,500	5,900	+ 1.5	+ 11.9
Primary Metals.....	17,000	17,000	16,200	0.0	+ 4.9
Fabricated Metals.....	57,400	56,900	54,800	+ 0.9	+ 4.7
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,100	47,700*	47,200*	+ 0.8	+ 1.9
Electrical Equipment.....	53,800*	53,300	49,300	+ 0.9	+ 9.1
Transportation Equipment.	81,500*	82,100*	85,500	- 0.7	- 4.7
Instruments & Clocks.....	28,100	28,100	27,000	0.0	+ 4.1
Other Durable.....	14,900	14,900	15,100	0.0	- 1.3
Nondurable.....	103,700	103,800	99,600	- 0.1	+ 4.1
Food.....	13,700	14,100	12,700	- 2.8	+ 7.9
Textiles.....	7,000	7,000	6,700	0.0	+ 4.5
Apparel.....	10,100	9,900	9,500	+ 2.0	+ 6.3
Paper.....	10,200	10,200	10,300	0.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing....	25,800	25,600	24,600	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Chemicals.....	22,300	22,300	21,900	0.0	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	12,800	12,900	12,300	- 0.8	+ 4.1
Other Nondurable.....	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0	+ 12.5
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,036,300	1,036,400	998,400*	0.0**	+ 3.8
Construction & Mining.....	48,700	50,200	45,000	- 3.0	+ 8.2
Transportation.....	30,800	30,600	30,200	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Motor Freight & Warehsng.	11,900	11,900	11,800	0.0	+ 0.9
Other Transportation.....	18,900	18,700	18,400	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Communications.....	19,100	19,100	18,700	0.0	+ 2.1
Utilities.....	12,500	12,500	12,200	0.0	+ 2.5
Trade.....	306,200	306,400	294,400	- 0.7	+ 4.0
Wholesale.....	72,000	72,200	70,900*	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Retail.....	234,200	236,200	223,500	- 0.8	+ 4.8
General Merchandise.....	32,600	34,300	29,800	- 5.0	+ 9.4
Food Stores.....	42,500	42,500	39,500	0.0	+ 7.6
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta....	25,400	25,700	24,400	- 1.2	+ 4.1
Restaurants.....	68,800	67,600	66,200	+ 1.8	+ 3.9
Other Retail Trade.....	64,900	66,100	63,600	- 1.8	+ 2.0
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	119,600	119,700	114,300	- 0.1	+ 4.6
Banking.....	27,500	27,500	27,200	0.0	+ 1.1
Insurance.....	68,400	68,300	65,000	+ 0.1	+ 5.2
Real Estate.....	9,900	10,000	9,200	- 1.0	+ 7.6
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	13,800	13,900	12,900	- 0.7	+ 7.0
Services.....	313,800	314,300	298,400	- 0.2	+ 5.2
Hotels.....	7,100	7,100	6,300	0.0	+ 12.7
Personal Services.....	15,600	15,500	15,000	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Business Services.....	64,200	64,400	60,000	- 0.3	+ 7.0
Health Services.....	107,200	107,200	103,000	0.0	+ 4.1
Law & Professional.....	22,600	22,600	21,400	0.0	+ 5.6
Educational Services.....	31,500	31,200	28,700	+ 1.0	+ 9.8
Other Services.....	65,600	66,300	64,000	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Government.....	185,600	181,600	185,200	+ 2.2	+ 0.2
Federal.....	21,400	21,600	21,400	- 0.9	0.0
State & Local.....	164,200	160,000	163,800	+ 2.6	+ 0.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
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